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SALE!

January 1, we will occupy the Saunders & Johnson
store ready for this change we have inaugurated the
Sale Ever Known in Bryan. Our stock of hand-
made CUT GLASS, TOYS and CHRISTMAS GOODS
cannot be matched anywhere, and will be sold.

Less Than Cost

Rather than be removed. We wish to call special attention to our stock of CHINA, which is all new, and of the latest designs. There is no old and antiquated stock in it, but it is all new, neat, clean and up-to-date. We have a complete selection of

TOYS, FIREWORKS, and all kinds of CHRISTMAS Goods.

When you start to buy your presents, come to our store, and you can find exactly what you want. Remember, after January 1, you will find us in our new quarters—the Saunders & Johnson corner. Thanking you for past favors, and asking a continuance of same, we are yours truly,

JAMES & McDougald.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Initiation and Banquet Last Night.

Ivanhoe Commandery Knights Templar, Col. A. M. Rhodes commander, held an important meeting last night at which Prof. T. S. Minter and Mr. S. R. Henderson were duly initiated as members. Sir Knight John H. Rice of Corsicana, was present as an official visitor representing the state grand commander. Col. L. L. Foster of College, Messrs. J. P. Palme of Hearne, L. T. Fuller and J. T. Garrett of Calvert, were also present. After the meeting the Knights assembled at a banquet at the Exchange hotel. The menu was sumptuous and the occasion one long to be remembered for expressions of that fraternity and good fellowship which find a noble exemplification in Templarism.

A RAGGED CAVALIER.

A fair sized and fashionable audience greeted Mr. Creston Clarke and Miss Adelaide Prince last night in "A Ragged Cavalier," a romantic comedy drama in four acts, beautifully written, skillful in plot, and fascinating throughout, but not so masterly and intense as "The Last of His Race." The interest centers in the parts assumed by Mr. Clarke and Miss Prince whose artistic interpretations reach the limit of the scope of the play. Mr. Clarke's Hector de St. Lo bears some resemblance to Don Caesar de Bazan in careless grace, recklessness and chivalry, while the Marquise de Blois of Miss Prince is a type of noble woman upon whose brow honor sparkles like a diadem in the darkest hour of poverty, peril and adversity. The other parts were nearly all up to a requisite standard, some were excellent, but one or two might be much improved and should be to preserve the beauty of the whole drama.

The house of Ed Knox, colored, burned last night between 11 and 12 o'clock. The family was absent at an entertainment and the loss was total, estimated at probably \$500, with \$250 insurance on the house and some insurance on furniture.

It has been a Merry Christmas time, and I wish you a very happy New Year. Furthermore, I hope health may be with you through the coming year, but if you do get sick, come to me for best drugs.

E. R. EMMEL, Ph. C.
DRUGGIST.

AMBASSADOR OF MEXICO DEAD.

Senor Romero Dies at Washington After an Illness of Short Duration.

AFFLICTED WITH APPENDICITIS.

An Operation Was Performed, but the Shock Was so Great That It Caused Death.

WAS A NOTED MAN AND A DIPLOMAT.

He Represented Mexico at Washington For More Than Twenty Years and Served His Country at Home.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senor Don Matias Romero, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, died at his embassy here at 4:10 o'clock this morning. On Wednesday last an operation for appendicitis was performed upon the ambassador, and although the operation was entirely successful, the result of the shock proved greater than he could bear. Up to 1:30 o'clock this morning however, it was thought he was in a fair way to recovery, but at that time high fever set in and he sank rapidly until death. About the house were his sister, an aunt, the secretary and other attaches of the embassy, his physician and ex-secretary and Mrs. John W. Foster.

The death of Mrs. Romero, which occurred some months ago, was a great shock to the ambassador and on his return from Mexico, whether he had taken her name for interment, his present whereabouts are unknown. He was recently broken showed unmistakable signs of failing health. When asked at that time Mr. Romero was silent with concern; although he was soon able to return to the United States, he never fully regained his health.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but it is said that in a short time it will take place at the office of Senor Romero's attorney from St. Matthew's Catholic church.

The ambassador's nephew, Jose Romero, is now on his way from Mexico, having been summoned when the ambassador was first stricken, and although it was not expected that he would play a hero in time for the funeral, in all probability he will take charge of the remains and take them to Mexico simultaneously in the near future.

Senor Romero was probably the best known member of the diplomatic corps at Washington and was for some time the man whom Great Britain resorted to in an embassy when the United States named Sir Julian Pauncefote, the Britisher as the head of the corps, though in junior rank to a service to Senor Romero who was raised only recently from in rank to minister to that of ambassador to Mexico taking advantage of the act of congress providing that a president should have the power to raise one foreign minister in the rank of an ambassador when foreign governments should raise the rank of its accredited representative. Great Britain, Italy, Germany, France and Russia set the example when Mexico followed in order to honor the emperor who had represented her so ably at Washington for more than 10 years in all, and had served her faithfully and well in other capacities at home. Senor Romero was a member of the international American conference, and in that body served with great distinction, having been one of its vice presidents. As the representative of Mexico in the conference he voted for the establishment of the Union of American republics, and ever since its organization shown active and zealous interest in its progress. He was a member of the executive committee of the bureau when that body first organized and on every occasion lent valuable work.

Ambassador Romero saw his native country steadily rise from a nation of revolutions and disorder to an honorable position among nations, as a progressive, stable and prosperous republic. In many of this he had had a share.

Senor Romero married a Washington woman many years ago and their home on 1 street, off Franklin park, was a social center and the scene each season of brilliant society functions. A large part of the residents, as well as officials, always attended these affairs. Madame Romero died not long ago. She and her husband enjoyed the friendships and confidence of the leaders in national events. The intimacy between Senor Romero and General Grant was especially close.

OKLAHOMA STATEHOOD CONVENTION.

Oklahoma, O. T., Dec. 29.—The state hood executive committee, composed of the leading men of all political parties called a statehood convention to be held at Guthrie Jan. 18, 1889. The feeling in the territory at present is unanimous for statehood.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Oberlin, O., Dec. 30.—Eight business houses were destroyed and six stores damaged by a fire here. Loss, \$50,000 insurance not known.

TAKING CHARGE OF THE CITY OF B. V.

At Noon Sunday the Spanish Will Be Over the Place to the United States Soldiers.

Havana, Dec. 30.—Details of the evacuation ceremonies on Sunday have been completed. At 11 a.m. the American commissioners, Generals Wade, Cloutier and Cutler, with their staffs, will leave the Trocadero hotel at Vedado for the palace on horseback in full uniform, but without cavalry escort. They will arrive at the reception rooms of the palace where they will meet Generals Brooke, Lee and Ludlow and staffs. Captain General Castellano, Admiral Mintero and the Spanish evacuation commissioners and staff will stand in the throne room, the throne having been removed. Castellano will, in a few words at noon, sharp, turn over the command to General Brooke. There will then be a short reception to the outgoing and incoming generals, and immediately afterwards Castellano will take his departure for Ceylon wharfs and escorted by General Cutler. After Castellano departs all Americans are expected to pay their respects to General Brooke. The general will then go to the Hotel Inglaterra. One division of Lee's Seventh corps will in the meantime be massed at the far end of the Prado and these troops, 800 strong under General Kefur, will march in review. Three flags will be officially raised, at the palace, at Morro Castle and at Cabanas fortress by Lieutenant-Generals Wade and Major Butler, all sons of the generals. The saluting will be with bronze guns. American artillerymen will first salute the Cuban standards, and then Spanish artillerymen will fire the same arms and salute the American flag. Prominent American United States regulars will participate in the ceremony.

CUBANS GIVE IN.

The Patriotic Committee Decided to Postpone the Celebration.

Havana, Dec. 30.—The Cuban government committee, consisting of distinguished Cuban lawyers, doctors and businessmen, at a meeting which lasted until 4 o'clock this morning, decided to postpone the celebration of the independence of Cuba from Spain. The Cuban population of Havana are in favor of General Lawton's proposal to postpone the proposed celebration, quoting some portions of his memorandum others.

The Cuban citizens of Havana and Cuban soldiers outside the city are intensely excited, but the patriotic committee and military chiefs of the Cubans think they can quiet this feeling and prevent violent incidents.

NOT SATISFIED.

Cubans at Santiago Demand Fifty-Five Cent Advance in Wages.

Santiago, Dec. 30.—The employment at fair wages is seemingly not appreciated by Cuban laborers. A few days ago the dock laborers struck for a raise of 50 cents a day. They were getting \$1.25 a day, which is 25 cents more than they were getting under the Spanish. Now they refuse to work under \$1.80.

General Wood told the ring-leaders that if they did not instantly go to work he would import all negro laborers from Jamaica that was required for government purposes. As a result several have returned to work, enough to unload the Viceroy.

Twenty miles have so far been completed of the road between Santiago and Holguin, a distance of about 150 miles. The road when finished will be of great value to the military department of the province, as well as of inestimable advantage to the country districts.

Three transports sail for Cuba.

Charleston, Dec. 30.—Three transports left this city today for Cuba. The Manito sailed for Matanzas with General Sanger, the brigadier general in chief of the medical corps and the Twelfth New York regiment. The Minnesotans departed for Cienfuegos with General Bates and staff and the Sixth Ohio. The Saratoga left for Havana with a battalion of the First Indiana infantry.

MORE MONEY FOR CUBA.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The cabinet has decided to send additional funds to Cuba for repatriation of the Spanish troops remaining there.

The government considers prospects for release of Spanish prisoners in the Philippine islands very discouraging.

SHOT AS INVITED GUEST.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—A special from Serpent, in eastern Kentucky, says George Frazer, a prominent young farmer, gave a holiday dance Thursday night to which John S. Wilson came uninvited. Frazer ordered Wilson to leave, and on refusal to go shot him dead. Frazer gave himself up.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

Hong Kong, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Glenavon, Captain Pithie, which sailed for London from here Thursday evening, has been wrecked. Part of the crew have been saved and landed here. The captain, chief officer and second and fourth engineers are missing.

BOATMAN WINS THEIR CASE.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 30.—In the suit against John Howesdisher and Elmer Frazer, bondsmen for Hall and Wilson, two alleged swindlers, who decamped after being released, Judge Culver rendered a decision in favor of the defense.

Removal

ON JANUARY 15, we will move our Stock to the building now occupied by Cole Bros. hardware store. To reduce our stock we will for the next 30 days offer SOME RARE BARGAINS in all kinds of Furniture. Our line of Furniture Novelties such as . . .

SIDEBOARDS,
CHINA CLOSETS,
DINING TABLES,
CHAIRS, ETC.

Is complete. Our line of ROCKERS are as pretty as ever brought to Bryan—everything will be sold cheap. Call and inspect our stock before buying—we will save you money.

JAMES & CASTLES,

Furniture & Undertakers.

TALKED TWO MUCH.

Being a man whose reputation for truth and veracity is good in his own neighborhood, Detroit, who has recently been in the west searching for silver mines, is permitted to get this plumb graph experience before the public, says the Free Press. "Fearing the possibility of being stranded out there, I took along a photograph, just as we used to take along a magic lantern years ago to provide against the possibility of having to walk home. Way up in the northwest was an original old fellow, who lives alone, and knew as little about the outside world as though it had no existence. Try the machine on him," suggested some fellow at the tavern where I was sleeping, and the proposition was heartily accepted. Some wag who was present called a postscript to the box, another sang a song, and then we united in contributing some very damaging accusations against the hermit, winding up with the query: "Now, will you be good? You old, back-fiddling, bald-headed son-of-a-gun?" While the old chap was out looking after his traps, we slipped the phonograph into his shanty, concealed ourselves at one end, where we could be an audience, while looking through the chink between the logs, and waited. At first he danced around, mopped the perspiration from his brow, and looked as though he wanted to run. Finally he located the source of the noise and curled about it like an Indian. He showed evident pleasure at the song, but when the personal abuse began he talked back, told the thing to shut up, gave it two minutes to get out of the place, and then went to shooting. He wound up with an ax, and when I asked the fellow an hour later to chip in for the box, they ordered things and had 'em charged to me".—New Orleans Picayune.

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